

REMARKS

Consideration of the application as amended above is respectfully requested.

In the specification, the header for the title of the invention has been retitled "TITLE OF THE INVENTION", and a new paragraph has inserted on page 1, line 5, to provide the priority of the present application. The specification has been amended at page 12, line 13, to delete the word "methylcarbonyl(emethyl)amino", which is a typographical error from the original Japanese language document. The specification has also been amended at page 22, line 18, to delete the paragraph reading "As "oxo- or carbonyl-protective groups", acetals and ketals such as ethylene ketal, trime." which also is an error from the original Japanese language document. These amendments do not add new subject matter to the present application.

Claims 1 to 13 were pending in the International Application. Claims 1-13 have been canceled and new Claims 14-27 have been added. Currently, Claims 14-27 are presented for consideration in the present application.

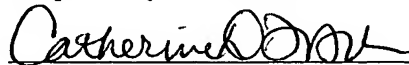
Claims 14 to 22 and 25 to 27 correspond to original Claims 1 to 9 and 11 to 13. Claims 23 and 24 correspond to original Claim 10.

No new matter has been added to the present application by presentation of Claims 14 to 27.

Applicants respectfully contend that the application is allowable, and a favorable response from the Examiner is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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